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TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EGEN, MY

SUBJECT: GOM ORDERS LPG PRICE ROLLBACK

1. ESSO HOUSTON INFORMS US THAT ON MARCH 28, THEIR MALAYSIAN COMPANY RECEIVED A DIRECT, WRITTEN ORDER FROM MINISTER HAMZAH TO ROLL BACK RETAIL PRICES OF COOKING GAS (LPG) TO THE LEVEL EXISTING PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 26. THE PRICE ROLLBACK WAS TO REMAIN IN EFFECT "PENDING THE COMPLETION OF A GOVERNMENT STUDY OF THIS PRODUCT AND ALL OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCT PRICES".

2. ESSO SAYS THAT THEIR MALAYSIAN COMPANY, SURPRISED BY THE DECISION, SENT A LETTER OF APPEAL TO MINISTER HAMZAH. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT THE MATTER WAS OUT OF HIS HANDS, GIVING ESSO TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE DECISION WAS AN ORDER OF THE CABINET" RESPONDING TO POLITICAL PRESSURE ON THE PARLIAMENT".

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON THIS DEVELOPMENT, AND ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE.
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